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Applicant: Johanson, *et al.*

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

**RESPONSE TO COMMUNICATION**

This **Response** is in response to the communication from the Examiner mailed June 6, 2001. The undersigned spoke with the Examiner June 22, 2001. The Examiner confirmed that the Notice of Appeal filed by Applicant on November 17, 2000, has been entered in the file. Applicant filed an Appeal Brief on June 13, 2001, along with a Petition for Extension of Time to extend the deadline for filing to June 17. The period for filing an Appeal Brief is two months from the date of the Notice of Appeal (37 C.F.R. 1.192). This deadline is extendable for five months upon the filing for a petition and the payment of an appropriate fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.136. Applicant thanks the Examiner for taking the time to look into the status of the notice of appeal. Please charge any fees associated with this filing, or apply any credits, to our Deposit Account No. 03-1721.

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